



Happy 2019! It is an exciting month for us as we celebrate the beginning of a new year. We also celebrate some new church leaders and with gratitude in our heart we are saying thank you to some leaders who have faithfully completed their terms of service.

HUGE Thanks to our elders and deacons who have finished their terms on our leadership board (Consistory). These folks have given so much time to BGCC and I know you will want to join me in thanking them for their impactful ministry when you next see them! Neil Van Der Jagt, Jeanie Smith, Ron Van Dyke and Melinda Post.



It is with great excitement that we also welcome our newest class of leaders! Each year we typically graduate and welcome elders and deacons as their terms finish and begin. This year's class was voted unanimously (!) to serve alongside current Consistory members Alice, Roy, Ginger and Matt. We need and expect them not to try to replace anyone, but to serve to the very best of their individual calling and abilities. This class is "chock full" of experience, character, faith, wisdom, love and creativity. Please join me in welcoming them, cheering for them, supporting them, praying for them as they begin their ministry at BGCC. Bill Phillips, Chuck Frank, Nyssa Gartley and Dane McCartney.

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**A Huge Moment of Thanks and Celebration for our beloved Melinda  
who has officially retired! Oh how we will we miss her!**

What a rare, faithful and wonderful ministry-we celebrate as Melinda finishes her 32 years of amazing ministry to God and his church at Bayshore Gardens Community Church. On behalf of all us we thank you Melinda, with the deepest of gratitude in our hearts. To the Church: Join us at the church on January 25th at 5:30 for Melinda's retirement party!

And now...after much prayer and many, many resumes...and many interviews...It is with great excitement that I introduce you to **Doreen McCarthy, our new office administrator** at Bayshore Gardens Community Church! Doreen is a wife, mother, has business experience as a small-business owner and as a Realtor. She is already hard at work at the church, she has been trained by Melinda, and is learning the inner workings of the office as fast as is humanly possible. Please join me in welcoming her to our church, stop by or call her today! She is proving to be reliable, professional and friendly to all who have come into church this week. Melinda approves and so do the Sedlak children, I can't ask for much more than that! :)

Doreen, you are an answer to so many prayers, and we are grateful to you and God for placing you here! Doreen will typically be in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM -3:30PM.

There will be plenty of opportunities for all of us to grow and serve Christ's church at BGCC this year. I humbly look forward to serving alongside of you as your Pastor. See you on Sunday!

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Pastor Dustin

Amount Needed for December's Monthly Budget	Amount Received for December's Monthly Budget
\$ 3,648.68 x 4 Sundays = \$ 14,594.72	\$ 15,825.70

**Please remember that our expenses continue even when you cannot be here.**

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